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  VeriSign, Inc.
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01/27/03
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 3 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   Balogh, Aristotle N
   487 East Middlefield Road
Mountain View, CA 94043
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
   1/27/2003
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VeriSign, Inc. (VRSN)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
                                       [ ] 10% Owner
   [ ] Director
   [X] Officer (give title below) [ ] Other (specify below)
   Senior Vice President,
   Operations and Infrastructure
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
[ ] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
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1)Title of Security	2)Amount of	3)	4)Nature of	
	Securities	D	Indirect	
	Beneficially	or	Beneficial	
	Owned	I	Ownership	

Table II Derivative Securitites Beneficially Owned

and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expira-		Securities Underlying Derivative Security Amount or		4)Conver- sion or exercise price of Deri-	Form of Derivative Security Direct(D)	6)Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Exer- cisable	tion Date	Title	Number of Shares	vative Security	or Indirect(I)	
(2)	08/04/03	Common Stock	8,600	\$7.8930	D	Direct
(3)	05/24/09	Common Stock	50,000	\$10.0800	D	Direct
(4)	08/16/04	Common Stock	4,250	\$27.6170	D	Direct
(2)	12/30/03	Common Stock	301	\$30.4360	D	Direct
(5)	04/20/04	Common Stock	10,535	\$42.7910	D	Direct
(6)	06/23/07	Common Stock	47,320	\$149.2500	D	Direct
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Explanation of Responses:

1,340 options are exercisable immediately, 670 options will vest and become exercisable on December 23, 2003 and 670 options will ve st and become exercisable on June 23, 2004.

(2) **İmmediately**

25% of the total options granted vest and become exercisable one year after the date of grant and thereafter with respect to 6.25% o f the shares each quarter until fully vested.

(4) 2,150 options are exercisable immediately and 2,150 options will vest and become exercisable on August 17, 2003.

(5) 7,525 options are exercisable immediately and 3,010 options will vest and become exercisable on April 21, 2003.

(6) 29,910 options are exercisable immediately, 11830 options will vest and become exercisable on December 23, 2003 and 5,580 options will vest and become exercisable on June 23, 2004.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact
For: Aristotle N. Balogh
DATE 01/27/03